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1. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA, MIDDLE EAST AND THE SOUTHERN TIER OF EUROPEAN STATES HAVE GIVEN RISE TO INCREASED CONCERN AMONG AUSTRIAN LEADERSHIP ELEMENTS AS TO WHICH WAY TIDE OF EVENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE IS LIKELY TO FLOW IN NEXT FEW YEARS. AUSTRIA CONSIDERS EAST-WEST DETENTE AND A STRONG US PRESENCE IN EUROPE SINE QUA NON FOR AUSTRIA'S CONTINUED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC WELL BEING. AUSTRIA CLEARLY FAVORS GREATER WESTERN EUROPE UNITY IN ALL FIELDS AND HAS TRIED THROUGH EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL TO PLAY A MODEST ROLE ON BEHALF OF SUCH EFFORTS.

2. TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN NOVEMBER 1974 PAPER PREPARED FOR KREISKY VISIT TO US REMAIN FULLY APPLICABLE. ADDITIONAL POINT SHOULD BE ADDED, NAMELY TO ENCOURAGE AUSTRIA, IN VIEW OF KREISKY'S PUBLICLY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER
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FUTURE OF PORTUGAL, TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE PART IN ASSISTING

MODERATE POLITICAL FORCES IN PORTUGAL WITH MONEY, VISITS, ETC.
IN THEIR EFFORT TO COUNTER EXTREMIST GROUPS. BUCHANAN

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